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Rewards for those who took part in the shooting in Salem Jail.

* 456 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the officers alleged to be responsible for shooting in Salem Jail were rewarded by the Government, and if so, who and with what amount?

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR:—"Government do not consider it advisable in the public interest to discuss rewards given to jail or police officials or publish them, other than decorations and medals publicly conferred."

Rewards to those who took part in the shooting in Salem Jail in 1950.

* 457 *Q.*—SRI K. V. RAMASWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state whether the Government have given any rewards to those who were responsible for the firing, and to those who actually shot down the Communist prisoners in Salem Jail in February 1950?

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR:—"The hon. Member is referred to the answers given to similar Legislative Assembly Questions Nos. 455 and 456."

Persons retrenched owing to abolition of controls.

* 458 *Q.*—SRI P. SYAMASUNDARA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many persons have been thrown out of employment by the abolition of controls; and

(*b*) whether the Government have provided them with any other employment?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM:—"(*a*) The information required has already been furnished with reference to another question answered on the floor of the Assembly. The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the statement placed on the table of the Assembly with reference to Starred Question No. 213, answered on 2nd December 1952.

"(*b*) The steps which the Government have taken to provide employment to this class of people and the several concessions given to them have already been indicated in the answer to Starred Question No. 214 which was answered on the floor of the Assembly on 2nd December 1952."

Amalgamation of Visakhapatnam and Srikakulam districts.

* 459 *Q.*—SRI P. PUNDARIKAKSHACHARYULU (on behalf of Sri G. Latchanna): Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state whether the Government are contemplating to re-amalgamate both Visakhapatnam and Srikakulam districts into one district; and if the answer is in the affirmative, the reasons therefor?